

### III. REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on July 13, 2006, indicated allowability of claims 1-2, 4-9 and 20. The Office Action rejected (final) claims 10-13. The Office Action also objected to claims 14-15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but they were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The previous Office Action, mailed on March 2, 2004, also objected to claims 14-15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but they were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to the current Office Action, claim 10 is amended to incorporate all of the elements and limitations of objected-to claim 14, from which such previously depended. Claim 10 is additionally amended to reverse the changes that were made in response to the Office Action of March 2, 2004. Thus, claim 10 is currently in the condition as the combined elements of claims 10 and 14 as of the Office Action of March 2, 2004, which based on that Office Action is in condition for allowance.

Correspondingly, claim 15, which previously depended from claim 14, is amended to depend from claim 10.

In addition, claims 12-13 have also been amended to reverse the changes that were made in response to the Office Action of March 2, 2004.

Finally, claim 14 has been cancelled.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicant's previous amendment and response to the Office Action of March 2, 2004, added claims 20-22. However, **the current Office Action is silent with regard to claims 21-22**. Claims 21-22 depend from claim 20, which the current Office Action indicates as allowable. Thus, claims 21-22 should also be allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims pending in the application are now allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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